

**Alliance Point 8: Work together for the success of the United Nations Special Session on Illicit Drugs in June 1998.**

ACTION	BASELINE As of 1 Feb 98	TARGET	MEASUREMENT	STATUS As of 31 Aug 99
<p>8.1. The Governments of Mexico and the United States will hold bilateral consultations about specific objectives and concrete results of the UN General Assembly Special Session on Illicit Drugs.</p>	<p>As of February 1998, the U.S. and Mexico had not held bilateral consultations. Since that time the two countries worked together within the Preparatory Committee for the UN Special Session. Bilateral consultations took place during the HLCG and frequently between the HLCG Working Groups.</p>	<p>The U.S. and Mexico will increase consultations in order to garner support for UN approval of the guidelines for the follow-up system and the elaboration of reports by member states.</p>	<p>Number of bilateral consultations held between Mexico and the U.S. to promote UN approval of the guidelines for the follow up system and the elaboration of reports by member states.</p> <p>Usefulness of the bilateral consultations and of the coordination among the two countries to pursue the UN's approval of the guidelines for the follow up system and the elaboration of reports by member states.</p>	<p>U.S. and Mexico collaborated on the highly successful UN Special Session on the World Drug problem 8-10 June 1998. Presidents Clinton and Zedillo met in the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary session on 8 June to discuss enhanced cooperation.</p> <p>Both countries participate in the negotiations taking place in the Narcotics Commission with the objective of creating a mechanism for presenting and producing reports every two years. Countries will present their progress in the applications of the World Action Plan to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 established in the political declaration approved by the General Assembly in its XX Extraordinary Session dedicated to the World Drug Problem.</p> <p>Negotiations will conclude during the second Intersessional Meeting, which will take place September 28-30, 1999 in Vienna. The results of these negotiations will be adopted in the second session of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Period of Sessions of the Narcotics Commission (Vienna 1-2 December, 1999).</p>

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8.1 (Con't)				<p>It is expected that the mechanism will start working in the year 2000, when the States present their first report. The report will be compiled by UNDCP for evaluation by the Commission, which will also give recommendations about internal cooperation, taking into consideration the analysis of the reports.</p> <p>During the works of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Period of Sessions of the Narcotics Commission, the Action Plan for Demand Reduction was adopted and both countries participated actively. The General Assembly will consider the Action Plan in its 54<sup>th</sup> ordinary period of sessions (September-December 1999).</p>

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<p>8.2. The Governments of Mexico and the United States will develop a program to inform the two Congresses, the media, and groups involved in drug control about the UN General Assembly Special Session in June 1998 and its objectives.</p>	<p>As of February 1998, the U.S. had not developed a program to inform the Congress, media, and groups involved in drug control policy about the objectives of the UN Special Session.</p> <p>Since that time, the U.S. and Mexico have developed programs to inform their respective congresses and media.</p>	<p>Each government to develop a program to inform its Congress, the media, and groups involved in drug control policy about the UN Special Session.</p>	<p>Promotional programs by each Government to inform its Congress and media.</p> <p>Quality and usefulness of the promotional programs.</p>	<p>Results of the 20<sup>th</sup> Special Session, including measures to enhance International Cooperation to counter world drug problem are published on the internet:  <a href="http://www.un.org/ga/20special">http://www.un.org/ga/20special</a></p> <p>ONDCP reported the impact of UNGASS on 6/18/99 to U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. ONDCP also prepared two press releases covering the special session on drugs.</p> <p>Before and after the celebration of the World Drug Summit, public officials of the Mexican Executive Branch launched an information campaign about the objectives and results of the Summit.</p> <p>Various seminars with academicians and other communications means with the goal of increasing publicity of the successes reached in the World Drug Summit were held.</p>